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From: Crowley, Philip J
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To: Mills, Cheryl D; Reines, Philippe I; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma
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There are some calls on the Hill for other changes in the team, i.e. Eikenberry. So it is already starting.

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If she feels strongly, sure

Otherwise I vote no. We aren't directly part of this unfortunate saga, don't need to be. Once again she and Gates come across as the mature ones. The questions they have for her on her recommendation, etc would be addressed by a statement.

Besides, she'll answer this on camera tomorrow

I would however add Petreaus to her call sheet even though I'm sure she saw him at the WH, so we can reinforce her relationship with him going forward

We also need to stress their solid working relationship - I believe he was here last week and we thankfully put that on her schedule

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My bet on the direction this now takes is two fronts 1) does Petraeus make any big changes; can he do in Afghanistan what he did in Iraq; his health; political benefits of locking him up like Huntsman; etc

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Had McC weathered this, there would have been more emphasis on #2. With Petraeus there, there's an air of adult management so there will be less of that. whether there will be other changes to the team, how they get along with Petraeus and my strong suggestion to all involved is that this change is a fresh start for all. That ends the conversation.

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Let me start some thinking

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